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Port Almanac—February 6

Sun Rises	6.58 A M
Sun Sets	5.31 P M
Day's Length	10 h 20 m
High Water at Southport	11.07 P M
High Water at Wilmington	1.50 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 6.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 35°; 8 p. m., 48°; maximum, 50°; minimum, 33°; mean, 44°.

Rainfall for the day, T. rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 1.25.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 4.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 27. feet.

OUTLINES.

Senate and House—The Nicaragua Canal bill discussed in the Senate; the Watson-Black contested case considered in the House. —— The battleship Indiana, unable to stand the heavy seas, returned to Hampton Roads. —— The Northwestern National Bank, of Great Falls, Mont., failed to open its doors yesterday morning; the directors have discovered a defalcation of about $27,000. —— Bradstreet's review of the market—General trade retarded by the weather; wheat, corn and petroleum advanced in prices, business failures. —— Grain and provisions—Fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade. —— Spots and futures—Net receipts at the ports; New York *Sun's* review of the cotton market. —— The New York Legislative committee investigating the sugar trust. —— Consul General Lee has a prisoner released at Havana, Cuba. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1¼@2 per cent., last loan at 1¼ per cent., closing offered at 1¼ per cent.; cotton steady—middling 7 5 16c; Southern flour dull and unchanged—common to fair extra $3 80@3 65; good to choice $3 75@4 05; wheat—spot dull but steady, No. 2 red free on board 94¼c; corn—spot dull and easier, No. 2 28⅞c at elevator and 29⅜c afloat; rosin quiet—strained common to good $1 70; spirits turpentine firm at 28½@29c.

State Geologist Holmes says there is mica enough in North Carolina to supply the United States for an indefinite period.

It is repeated that a London Syndicate has an eye on the Cincinnati breweries, and has offered $9,000,000 for the batch.

Mr. Guthrie declares that he is still a Populist if he knows "what a Populist is." He writes like a man who is no right sure that he does.

The new tariff builders expect an increase $60,000,000 of revenue from it. To put that $60,000,000 in the Treasury the people will have to shell out about $160,000,000.

At home the Kansas farmers warm up on corn, but when they go to town and want to warm up on corn juice it takes about three bushels of corn to get up a moderate degree of warmth.

A Canadian editor named Tardivel wants a poet to pay him $50,000 for something he (the poet) wrote about him. But he should remember that it isn't easy to make decent rhyme to a name like that.

Mr. Moody says "Heaven is a city like New York." This is the first intimation we have had that Mr. Moody was stuck on New York. But how will he explain this remark when he goes to Boston or Chicago?

A gold standard contemporary remarks that "there never was a Democratic party in Idaho." There is probably a good deal of truth wrapped up in that remark, judging from the capers at the late Senatorial election.

The legal rate of interest in Kansas has been reduced from 10 to 8 per cent. With oats 20 cents, potatoes 15 cents a bushel, and corn being used for fuel, the statesmen concluded that 8 per cent. was about as much as the average farmer could pay.

In reply to the charges of corrupt methods pursued to secure his election, as made by Senator Butler, Senator Pritcard rises to remark that all he has to say is that Butler's charge is a "deliberate misstatement and a falsehood from beginning to end." And he said it with snap, too.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention is called to the following REDUCED RATES of Subscription to THE MORNING STAR:

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Hon. James Wilson, Mr. McKinley's Secretary of Agriculture, is a Scotchman by birth, Being in the Cabinet would put him in the line for the Presidency, but as there would be several vacancies to create before that contingency could present itself, his foreign birth need not be a cause of embarrassment.

The reports from the ground-hog, as far as heard, are favorable.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. W. SANDERS—It is lard.
OPERA HOUSE—Sisson's Comedy Co.
OPERA HOUSE—Scottish Reformation

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

FOR SALE—Bank stock.
FOR RENT—Truck farm.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Col. D. S. Cowan was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. N. Sidbury, of Scott's Hill, was here yesterday.

— Mr. J. Hall, of Greensboro, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. D. D. Bradshaw, of Rose Hill, was one of yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. Stephen L. Crocker, of Middlebury, N. C., was registered here yesterday.

— Dr. L. W. Robinson, of Wallace, was one of the arrivals in the city yesterday.

— Mr. H. B. Short, of Lake Waccamaw, was among yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. Alexander Evans, of Autreyville, was visiting wholesale merchants here yesterday.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—18 bales cotton.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—19 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 375 bbls rosin, 71 bbls tar, 6 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—2 bales cotton, 26 casks spirits turpentine, 51 bbls rosin, 2 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—16 casks spirits turpentine, 214 bbls rosin, 32 bbls tar, 52 bbls crude turpentine.

Schooner Minnie Ward—10 casks spirits turpentine, 81 bbls rosin.

Schooner Gold Leaf—5 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 10 bbls tar.

Schooner Samuel—1 bale cotton, 20 casks spirits turpentine, 11 bbls rosin, 188 bbls tar.

Schooner Ruth, Jr.—77 bbls rosin; 28 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 45 bales; spirits turpentine, 84 casks; rosin, 809 bbls; tar, 276 bbls; crude turpentine, 58 bbls.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the Convenience of Subscribers the Star Prints the Latest Corrected List of Fire Alarm Boxes.

Box 13—Wilmington Compress.
Box 14—Nutt and Brunswick.
Box 128—Standard Oil Company.
Box 15—Parsley's Mill.
Box 16—Fourth and Brunswick.
Box 17—Fifth and Nixon.
Box 18—Seventh and Harnett.
Box 19—Eighth and Hanover.
Box 21—Champion Compress.
Box 23—Water and Chesnut.
Box 24—Front and Red Cross.
Box 25—Front and Mulberry.
Box 26—Third and Red Cross.
Box 27—Third and Princess.
Box 28—Fourth and Mulberry.
Box 31—Fore & Foster's Mill.
Box 32—Sixth and Princess.
Box 34—Seventh and Mulberry.
Box 35—Ninth and Chesnut.
Box 41—Market and Water.
Box 42—Dawson and Surry.
Box 43—Front and Orange.
Box 45—Northrop's Mill.
Box 46—Third and Nun.
Box 47—Third and Wooster.
Box 48—Fifth and Orange.
Box 49—Fifth and Castle.
Box 412—Kidder's Mill.
Box 51—Seventh and Nun.
Box 52—Seventh and Queen.
Box 53—Eighth and Market.
Box 54—Twelfth and Market.

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LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— Mrs. Currie, the relic of the late John A. Currie, died in Rockingham yesterday. Her remains will be brought down on the Carolina Central this morning.

— Information has been received here of the death on yesterday morning of Mr. James Draughan, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Sampson county, living near Clinton.

— The regular services of the Seamen's Bethel will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. A. D. McClure. Seamen and river men are specially invited. All welcome.

— Luther Williams and Kitty Campbell, both colored, were before Justice Buting yesterday charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, but were adjudged not guilty and discharged.

— Deputy Sheriffs Wm. Guyon and Wm. Fonfield yesterday morning arrested Simon Pence and Simpson Hayner, colored, at Powers & Gibbs' guano factory, on a warrant charging them with an assault with a deadly weapon.

— It is important that city subscribers notify us of all failures of carriers to delivers their papers. Call at or send a postal to the STAR office whenever you miss your paper. Carriers who do not attend to their duties will be promptly discharged.

— A colored woman, M. Scott, from Acorn Branch, was before a commission *de lunatico inquirendo* yesterday afternoon. The commission, Dr. Shepard and Justices Bunting and McGowan, adjudged her insane and ordered her sent to the colored insane asylum at Raleigh.

— The funeral of Mrs. Nancy Dixon took place yesterday afternoon from Fifth Street Methodist Church, Rev. W. L. Cunninggim conducting the service. The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. K. Bell, J. W. Hewett, D. C. Ellis, Jordan Branch, W. H. Hardy and B. A. McClammy. The remains were interred in Bellevue cemetery.

— Mr. John A. Oates, Jr., of Fayetteville, managing editor of the *North Carolina Baptist*, was in the city yesterday. The *Baptist* will probably be published daily in this city during the session of the Southern Baptist Convention. Editor Oates is already in correspondence with the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of making advertising contracts.

— Manager Schloss will offer two fine attractions to the theatre-goers this month. Primrose & West's celebrated minstrels will come to the Opera House Wednesday night, February 17th, to be followed the next evening, February 18th, by Loie Fuller, the famous danseuse, in conjunction with Eliason, the well known magician. Both of the above attractions are among the finest on the road, and will no doubt play here to standing room.

THE SCOTTISH REFORMATION.

A Grand Spectacular Representation of Historical Facts at the Opera House Next Monday and Tuesday Evenings at 8 O'clock.

The participants in this entertainment are very anxious for their public exhibition to be a grand success. Regardless of the weather there has been full attendance at rehearsals and to-night is the grand final and then everything will be ready for Monday evening. Mrs. Monroe is expected from Newbern to-day.

The allegorical drill, consisting of about one hundred people. They are all well up in their work. The characters will be very good.

The quarrel of the Puritan men and students will be settled by psalm singing.

The Court will be a fine display of talent, good clothes and military effects.

Miss Gibson, as Queen Mary, could not well be better, and Mr. C. H. Robinson, as John Knox, is certainly well presented. W. F. Robertson, as Lord James Stuart, takes his part in a fine manner. Hugh Miller, as Lord Burleigh, could not be excelled. Walter Huff, as French Minister, W. Atkinson, as Spanish Minister, Andrew Howell, as Sir Erskine of Dun, Herbert Cooper, as Lord Letherington, are all good in their acting.

Edward Huggins and Alex. Hall act as priest and advisors to the queen.

Master Earl Crosswell and little Miss Kay Sneed are to be the queen's pages.

The ladies of the Court are Misses Mary Lily Kenan, Elsie Calder, Annie Bowden, Kate Burnett, Mrs. John Frank and Mrs. Andrew Howell. Miss Kenan will sing "When the Mists Have Cleared Away," the Court joining the chorus, making a beautiful and appropriate ending to the great trial scene. Mary on her way to execution surrounded by her maids and her faithful Hannah Kennedy, personated by Mrs. Andrew Howell, will be a sad sight. Her maids will be the Misses Lizzie Peck, Martha Williams, Julia Hill, Mary Northrop, Bessie May Gibson and Mrs. Arrendale. The sorrow shown by these maids is keenly felt by many of them as they sympathize with the unfortunate queen.

The ladies of Westminster League are delighted with the progress made in rehearsals and their outlook for success.

Mr. Edgar E. Turlington Married.

Mr. Edgar E. Turlington, formerly of this city, but now of Elmira, N. Y., was united in marriage on the 26th of January to Miss Lillie Rebecca Rouse, of New Jersey. The ceremony was performed amidst a large gathering of friends at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. James S. McKenzie, No. 29 West Eighty-ninth street. A reception was there tendered the bridal party, after which Mr. and Mrs. Turlington left en route for a bridal tour through the South.

The Phonograph will cure the blues. No. 103 Market street. †

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Adjourned Meeting—Petitions Presented and Acted Upon—Report of City Clerk and Treasurer.

Pursuant to previous adjournment the Board of Aldermen met last night at 8 o'clock. Those present were Aldermen Maunder, Gore, VonGlahn, Cameron, Meares, Springer, Nixon, Walker, Mayor W. N. Harriss presiding.

The Streets and Wharves Committee reported work going on in all parts of the city, particularly and extensively on Princess street.

Alderman Meares moved that the sum of $880 be paid Mr. Wm. A. Wright, a judgment against the city for that amount having been given by a board of arbitration upon Mr. Wright's claims for the removal by the city of a large amount of clay from his premises. It was also moved to pay $15 to the board of arbitration, which consisted of Mr. W. F. Robertson for the city, Mr. W. M. Cumming for Mr. Wright and Mr. Andrew Smith, umpire.

Petition of Mrs. L. Rothwell to have buildings used for school purposes exempted from taxation by the city was granted.

The clerk read a petition from the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad requesting permission to run three or more lines of track out of the block at corner of Tenth and Orange. Attorneys Ricaud and Bryan appeared for the railroad. One of the city ordinances, however, requires that petitions of such a nature shall have ten days' previous advertisement in the newspapers, and on motion of Alderman Meares the Ordinance Committee was instructed to prepare an ordinance, and also a special meeting of the Board called for Tuesday, February 16, to take action.

Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., appeared before the Board, asking the body to appoint a committee to co-operate with like committees appointed by the Chamber of Commerce and Board of County Commissioners in taking steps for the improvement of the Nixon street road. Mr. Chadbourn thought that the farming interest around Wilmington, which is yearly assuming larger proportions, demanded good roads into the city.

On motion the Committee on Streets and Wharves was instructed to confer with the committees already named.

Petition to overlook a difference of a few feet in the matter of the extension of wharf by the Atlantic Coast Line and the Champion Compress was granted.

The Committee on Lights was asked to take under consideration a petition to erect an oil lamp at the corner Sixth and Queen streets.

A claim for $5,000 damages on account of injuries received by Sallie Halsey, in falling through Sixth street bridge, was referred to the Finance Committee, with instructions to the clerk to secure more specific information, physician's certificate, etc.

The claim of Mr. Jos. S. Sneeden for $150 for the loss of one bay mare, injured in such a way at the fountain at the intersection of Front and Market streets as to render killing her a necessity, was, on motion of Alderman Gore, referred to the Mayor to investigate, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

The petition of the Cape Fear Lumber Company that a fire alarm box be placed at their office was referred to the Fire Committee.

The following petitions were granted:

To Rebecca Wilkins, to rebuild a one-story tin-roof house on corner of Sixteenth and Dock streets.

To William Mercer, to build a frame house on block 248.

To W. F. Alexander, to erect a small stable at rear of residence on Princess, between Eighth and Ninth streets.

To W. W. Sellers, to erect a wood house on Third, between Bladen and Harnett streets.

To Silvia & Savage, contractors, to build a one-story and a two-story house on west side of Second, between Ann and Orange streets.

To Mrs. Mary F. VanAmringe, to erect a two-story house with tin roof.

To Mr. W. J. Meredith, to erect a stable on North Second street, between Chesnut and Princess.

On motion, the clerk was ordered to prepare special forms for use in applications for permission to build.

Alderman Walker made a request that the cistern at the corner of Seventh and Swann streets be filled. It was ordered, on motion, that this and other cisterns be filled.

Report of Clerk and Treasurer Rice for the month of January showed a balance on hand January 1st of $42,954 51; receipts, $31,801 81; due the city, $33,953 60; expenditures, $9,000.91.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

SEACOAST RAILROAD COMPANY

Will Remove Into New Quarters on Orange Street.

The Seacoast Railroad Company will soon abandon their offices on Tenth and Princess streets for more suitable ones on Orange street, near Seventh, as the company owns considerable property in that vicinity. They will also move their yard and station to this new locality, which is on a direct line with the Street Railway Company. The STAR understand that a force of hands are now at work laying a track from the Seacoast Railroad, corner of Tenth and Ann streets, to the corner of Orange and Ninth streets.

There will be a meeting of the directors of the road shortly, and then something more definite will no doubt be learned.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents tf

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

GOV. RUSSELL'S MESSAGE IN REGARD TO LEASE OF THE N. C. RAILROAD.

The Seaboard Air Line Wants to Bid on It—Majority Populists Desert to the Minority.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 5—Bills were introduced in the House to prohibit the sale of liquor in one mile of Saint's Delight Free Will Baptist Church, Craven county, twelve hours before or after service; to provide for election of cotton weighers at Fremont and Mount Olive by the County Commissioners of Wayne; to exempt certain benevolent orders from insurance tax and supervision, this including Masons, Odd Fellows, Royal Arcanum, Knights of Pythias, Progressive Endowment Guild, Royal Benefit Society, International Fraternal Alliance, Knights of Honor, or other benevolent associations; to provide for annual election by Commissioners of Wayne of cotton seed weigher at Goldsboro oil mill, with a salary of $600; to provide for a cigarette dispensary similar to the Waynesville dispensary.

The bill to establish a uniform standard of time for the State was tabled.

The bill raising a committee to consider the reduction of salaries to conform to farm products was passed.

On motion of Mr. Duffy the resolution in the Broughton-Young contest, from Wake, calling for immediate action was taken up. The majority reported in favor of giving more time for Young to begin taking testimony—in other words, in favor of tabling the resolution. The minority report favored taking up the matter at once. Duffy spoke in favor of speedy action, saying that if February 15 was chosen it would be so long before the matter was disposed of that the session would be at an end and justice be perverted. He charged the Republicans with gross inconsistency and unfairness in continuing from day to day this matter; that it was a case of moral cowardice and fear. The resolution was tabled by a vote of 61 to 39.

The bill to make ten hours a day's labor in all factories employing five persons was tabled by a large majority.

By Mr. Newsom, a bill to amend the insurance laws of the State; to amend the Code in regard to attorneys. This bill limits speeches of lawyers in certain cases.

Bills and resolutions introduced in the Senate for the protection of educational and other interests in the State: Prohibiting certain games of chance; to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor within three miles of King Hiram Lodge, Cumberland county; to repeal chapter 10, Laws of 1893, in relation to concealed weapons; Grant's bill to appoint a standing committee of three to prepare the calendar each day was tabled.

The following bills passed: To establish a stock law in parts of White Oak township, Bladen county; to incorporate the Moore County & Northern Railroad; to allow the commissioners of Richmond county to levy a special tax.

The Senate went into a short executive session on receipt of the Governor's message. The Governor transmitted a special message to the Legislature relative to the lease of the North Carolina Railroad and embodying correspondence with President Hoffman, of the Seaboard. President Hoffman, in replying to a letter from the Governor requesting a bid for twenty years lease, wrote a letter to him under date of February 2d, in which he says, in part: "It is most gratifying to receive assurances from you of the likelihood of our being allowed to participate with competing lines in submitting a bid for the operation of State's property, a privilege not heretofore accorded us, although we have heretofore been, as we are to-day, prepared to submit a bid which is an advance of the amount paid by the present lessees and figure more consistent with its value. In the event of present lease being annulled our company would be willing to lease the property in its entirety at an annual rental of four hundred thousand dollars, which is equivelent to ten per cent. The North Carolina Railroad would prove a valuable adjunct to the Seaboard, not only benefitting the latter company, but affording the people that competition which is most essential to the upbuilding of any State or community. Should we acquire control, we would handle the trains of the present lessee over such portions of the line as desired upon the payment of charges not in excess of amounts paid out by them to other lines in this section for similar accommodations or upon such terms is usual in such cases."

Governor Russell says in his message: "The assertion of the Seaboard's President that the company was not allowed to participate in competing lines in submitting a bid and that this fact was known to the President and Directors of the North Carolina Railroad before the ninety-nine years lease was consummated, is startling. There appeared in this transaction an indication of undue haste and indefensible secrecy. If this allegation be sustained by proofs, the courts of equity would nullify the ninety-nine year lease on the ground of palpable and flagrant fraud. Any director or other trustee who would sell or lease property belonging to his fiduciaries when he knew that he could get a better price, would be rebuked and removed and the transaction itself be vitiated by the equity courts. If we advance in material development, as we hope and believe we will, at the end of the twenty years the State will have in this railroad a property that may be of great value to its people in reducing taxation or in augmenting the school fund. There is good reason to believe that the Seaboard would pay not only ten per cent., but also the operating expenses and the taxes, State, county and municipal, of the North Carolina Railroad. This bid of ten per cent. may be greatly increased by those who want property and by those who not only want it, but must have it because it is indispensable to them. If the General Assembly, in its wisdom, prefers not to authorize the sale in any event, that much can be stricken from the bill without weakening or impairing the efficiency or force of its general scheme. That scheme is to make such laws as are necessary to get for the property what it is worth. My own best judgment is that the stock should be sold unless better terms may be had by lease. No one railroad or line or system should be permitted to acquire by lease, purchase or otherwise any competitive railroad or line or system. I earnestly recommend that the measure relating to that subject which has passed the House be enacted into law. The State has a large interest in the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad. It is entirely practicable to compel lessees or purchasers of the North Carolina Railroad to take the State's interest in the Atlantic road, provided the General Assembly will authorize lease or sale of the Atlantic Railroad and pass the measures necessary to enable the State to get the value for its property."

The majority jumpers, Speaker Hileman, Senators Maxwell, Person and Whitener, joined the minority caucus to-night.

At a meeting held in Hileman's room action on the committee's report as to the division of offices was deferred until to-morrow night. The caucus agreed to abolish the office of enrolling clerk, held by Swinson, and create an office. Swinson wrote a letter to the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker protesting against the appointment of clerks to supervise his office.

Permanent Democratic headquarters are to be established here this week. Secretary Thompson will be in charge.

At the Opera House.

By special request the Sission Comedy Company presented last night, for the second time this week, that piece which our favorite comedian has met with so much success, "The Colonel," to a large and appreciative audience. The leading comedy role was in the hands of Mr. Sisson, and it is useless to tell the Wilmington people that it was in good hands, for they know too well this gentleman's ability as an actor.

Miss Wallace, in the character of *Diana Simple*, succeeded, as she has done every night, in captivating her audience and everybody declares she is a drawing card. Miss Dorothy Reepine, as *Mrs. Honora Ginglethorpe*, the *Colonel* and Mr. Joseph A. Kerr, as *Simmons*, were well up in their respective roles and showed conclusively that they had the right conception of their parts, in fact they were all bang up and proved themselves once more to be an A No. 1 company.

This afternoon the company will present at the matinee "Nannette," and Mr. Sisson will take his favorite character, *William A.*

To-night the company will close their engagement by presenting a triple bill, which consists of three separate and distinct comedies, in which Mr. Sisson and Miss Wallace appear to advantage. Matinee prices 10 and 25 cents. Seats for to-night on sale at Gerken's.

RALEIGH NEWS LETTER.

GOVERNOR RUSSELL'S MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE

On the New Lease of the North Carolina Road, Embodying President Hoffman's (of the Seaboard Air Line) Letter.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 5.

Governor Russell will transmit a message to the Legislature this evening on the new lease of the North Carolina road, embodying President Hoffman's (of the Seaboard Air Line) letter for the lease of the North Carolina road at ten per cent. per annum.

The conference committees of the Republicans and the minority Populists were in session until a late hour last night engaged in the delightful occupation of parcelling out the pie. Two changes were made in the division, as published in the STAR Thursday. The Republicans took the Eastern Asylum at Goldsboro and the Populists the Eastern Judgeship. This action was taken by the Populists for Walter Henry's benefit.

The penitentiary is still causing much dissatisfaction among the loving admirers and followers of Senator Pritchard, Broker and Abernathy, members of the Populist conference committee, voted against the committee report giving the Republicans the penitentiary. The Populists seem bent on having the penitentiary.

Major Grant will introduce a resolution in the Senate to-day providing for the appointment of a steering committee of three, who shall prepare a calender and map out a programme of legislation, and no bill or resolution shall take preference to those on the calender as prepared by the steering committee. Representative Hancock says the same thing will be done in the House.

It can be readily imagined that the object of this appointment of the steering committee is to rush through partisan legislation. All bills which make a change in the various institutions will be given preference.

Marshall Mott and some other Republicans are red hot because of the tardiness of the conference committees in parcelling out the offices.

Governor Russell will in all probability make reply to the attack made on him by Senator Butler.

Death of a Former Resident.

Mr. T. F. Bagley, secretary of Wilmington Lodge No. 319, A. F. & A. M., received a telegram yesterday from Detroit, Mich., stating that E. W. Swensen had died in that city. Mr. Swensen was a true and faithful member of Wilmington Lodge, and resided in Wilmington several years ago, being in the Revenue Marine service.

Have you heard the Phonograph? Everything new, No. 103 Market street. †

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The Churches.

Grace Methodist E. Church, South, northeast corner of Grace and Fourth streets, Rev. R. A. Willis, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. Experience meeting at 10 a. m. in the lecture room. Weekly prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday evening at 8.00 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to attend these services.

Fifth Street M. E. Church South, situated on Fifth street, between Nun and Church, Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m and 7.30 p. m. by the pastor Sunday Sch ol at 3.00 p. m. Class meeting at 6.45 p. m. The public cordially invited to all services.

Market Street M. E. Church, next to corner Ninth and Market streets, Rev. T. H. Sutton, pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Class meeting at 9.30 a. m. Sunday School at 3 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7.30 p. m.

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. P. H. Hoge, pastor. Divine service at 11 a. m and 8.00 p. m. Young people's prayer meeting at 7.30 in the primary room. Sunday School at 3.00 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday at 8 p. m. Seats free.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex D. McClure, pastor. Sabbath services at 11 a. m and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School at 3.30 p. m. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8.00 p. m. The public cordially invited. Seats free.

South Side Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets; Rev. J. B Harrell, Pastor. Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 2.30 p. m. Weekly Prayer Meeting Wednesday night at 7.30.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a m and 8 p m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Executor's Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS EXECUTRIX OF the last will and testament of Stace VanAmringe, deceased, on the 8th day of January, 1897, I hereby notify all persons indebted to my said testator to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom he was indebted to present their claims to me on or before the 22nd day of January, 1898, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. This the 21st day of January, 1897.

MARY F. VANAMRINGE,
Executrix.
jan 22 1m

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SPIRITUAL MEDIUM, REVEALS THE past, present and future. If you are in trouble, either business, love or domestic, it will be to your advantage to consult her. Mme Amae can be found at No 319 Chestnut street, between Third and Fourth. jan 31 1w

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Oscar P. Sisson's Comedy Co
Matinee this afternoon.
"Nannette."
To-night, farewell performance,
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Consisting of three separate and distinct comedies will be presented.
Matinee prices, 10 and 25 cents.
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Monday and Tuesday Evenings at 8 P. M.
Grand Historical Entertainment by
Mrs. H. E. Monroe,
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One hundred and fifty of Wilmington people in the cast.
Tickets 50 cents, with privilege of reserve seats; Children 25 cents.
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IT IS LARD,
R. M. Jones' Pure Leaf open kettle rendered, the best Lard on this market.
Oranges and Canned Peas.
Leave the prices at the Store. This cutting will be kept up. Make your account with me and get the benefit.
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.....with the WILMINGTON SAVINGS
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10th. We have about 25 Baby Carriages to sell cheap
11th. We have cut the prices on all our Blankets to cost.
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13th. We have polite salespeople to attend your wants.
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20th. We have received our new Spring Mattings.

We will take our inventory February 1st, and in order to have our stock reduced we will offer special inducements this week. Visit us, it will pay you.

C. W. POLVOGT & CO.
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The "Dollar for Choice Window"
Is still on exhibition. We invite you to look at it. Then walk inside and look. If then you do not see just what is wanted kindly ask for it. We will do our best to please every one.
Buyers will do well to keep an eye on our window from week to week.
Respectfully,
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A purely old fashion. home-made
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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 6, 1897

WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE, &c.

In view of the fact that Mr. Lyman J. Gage, of Chicago, is to be the next Secretary of the Treasury, some of the newspapers have been interviewing him to ascertain his views on the currency question, which may foreshadow the policy that be as Secretary will recommend, and, in as far as he can, pursue. We have given these views as held two years ago, and in somewhat extended form as he holds now, as we found him quoted by the New York *Journal of Commerce* and the New York *World*.

Of course these reports must be taken with due allowance, for he reserves the right to modify his present views as closer study may reveal any weakness or impracticability in them or necessity for modification. There is little doubt that he will find it necessary to modify his views very materially, especially his views on retiring the Treasury notes, and issuing bonds with which to retire them. Mr. Gage is a Republican, but he is not a politician, and that is why talking from his standpoint as a business man and a banker, he comes out so unequivocally and candidly for the retiring of these notes. But when the business man and the banker who is not a politician, runs counter to the business man and "financier" who is also a politician, then there will be friction and more or less trouble for the business man and banker who isn't a politician.

He seems to have somewhat modified his views on bimetallism, for in his reported interview with the Chicago reporter of the New York *World* he insisted on putting everything on a gold basis with gold as the only money of redemption. But nearly three years ago he was one of fifty leading business men of Chicago who who inaugurated a movement for international bimetallism and issued a declaration of their principles, from which the Washington *Post* extracts the following:

"The committee is formed for the purpose of promoting the establishment of international bimetallism upon the general plan of the Latin Union, but with a broader basis. Those concerned in the movement, while earnestly opposed to free coinage of silver or any increased use of silver by this country, independent of international action and agreement, believe that the repeal of the purchase clause of the Sherman act affords a fitting and fortunate opportunity for advancing the cause of international bimetallism. They believe that the day is not far distant when the necessities of commerce will compel the international use of silver, as well as of gold, in the currencies throughout the world."

Among the names signed to this document was that of Lyman J. Gage. This was substantially anticipating the bimetallic declaration in the St. Louis platform to which Mr. Gage does not seem to attach much importance in his Chicago interview. But perhaps he may find it necessary for the purpose of harmonizing with the statesmen who are engaged in the work of putting the Republican party on a bimetallic basis, and at least making a pass at carrying out that pledge, to reaffirm those views later on. The Republican party will have to do something for silver, something substantial, and that without any protracted ceremony, unless its leaders want to see the roof come down the next whack the people get at it. Until they have done that they had better let the greenbacks alone, and stop the talk about retiring them by issuing interest-bearing bonds, however low the rate of interest may be, or however long the bonds may run.

Retiring the greenbacks didn't, as far as the Republican party is concerned, figure as a factor in the late canvass. The men who framed the platform for that party were too level headed to say anything about that or even hint at it and hence when that question comes up in form, if it ever does, very few Republican statesmen, with the exception, perhaps, of a few pronounced gold men from the East, will be found favoring it. They will not favor it even far enough to seriously discuss it. They will commit it to the archives with the documents that Mr. Cleveland's administration leaves.

Senator Sherman, who will also be in the Cabinet with Mr. Gage, is unequivocally opposed to retiring the greenbacks, which he considers, as nearly all Republicans do, a very good kind of money. The presumption is that with Senator Sherman's reputation as an able and distinguished financier, whose picture decorates one of the walls in the Bank of England, will have some influence in shaping the financial policy of the McKinley administration. Mr. Sherman is not only opposed to retiring the greenbacks, but is also in favor of utilizing silver bullion as a basis of note issues by the banks—not an original idea with, but one adopted on the suggestion of a Cincinnati correspondent who wrote him congratulating him on his opposition to the retiring of the greenbacks. In this connection he suggested that banks be allowed to purchase bullion and issue notes to the amount of 90 per cent. of the gold value of the bullion, a suggestion to which Mr. Sherman responded that it met his approval and would have his hearty support. Perhaps Mr. Sherman, anticipating the failure of the proposed international conference, has caught upon that idea as a good substitute to keep the people quiet and to placate the bimetallic element in his party, without whose votes the party would be in a sorry plight at the next election.

We have said enough here to show that there is a decided difference of opinion in the views of Mr. Gage and of Mr Sherman, and that Mr. Gage may anticipate no small friction in carrying out his views, unless very materially modified.

MAY THE SODS REST LIGHTLY.

The places that knew Wm. W. McDiarmid will know him no more, for in the prime of life, with many years of usefulness yet before him had he been spared, the summons came and he crossed the river into the land of endless rest.

As an editor he ranked high, and, while not vain-glorious, the success that crowned his efforts in building up one of the best, most successful and popular papers in the State is proof of his industry, good judgment and ability.

As a citizen he was devoted, loyal to and proud of North Carolina, for whose advancement and prosperity as an editor and citizen he labored consistently, faithfully, zealously and unceasingly.

As a man and member of society, he stood without a blemish, with a record that all might read in the sunlight, no part of which they who loved him best, and to whom his memory comes as an inheritance need wish were blotted out.

As a companion, he was always welcome, and never came that his sunny countenance and merry laugh didn't bring cheer and sunshine, and make those around him for the time being, at least, forget the clouds. He was the living personification of a happily poised temperament, that never went out of its way to look for adversity, but met it cheerfully, if it came, and always found joy enough in every day to send him happy and hopeful to rest when the day ended.

Such, in brief, was the man whom, after his years of patient toil, mother earth has taken to her bosom. We might say more, for we knew him well and long. But what more need be said? A conscientious, faithful, industrious editor; a loyal citizen; a true, unblemished man; a genial and ever welcome companion; a Christian without guile or pretence; a devoted and loving husband and father, is record enough for any mortal to leave to posterity or to go before the angels with.

MINOR MENTION.

There is little probability of the Nicaragua Canal bill passing this Congress. There are two opposing factors, one of which wants to kill the project, the other to postpone action until the Republican administration comes into power so that the Republican party may have the honor of achieving this "crowning glory of the nineteenth century," if it be achieved at all. This doubtless accounts for the movement to postpone action until new treaties can be made with the Governments through whose territory the canal will run, as suggested by Senator Sherman and favored by others. That was substantially Senator Turpie's position, and is favored to some extent by Senator Vilas, who goes considerably further than any other Senator who has discussed this scheme, and would make it a kind of joint stock business between this Government and other leading commercial nations. On this basis there will be about as much prospect of building that canal as there will be of establishing bimetallism by means of that "international conference." The very reason why the United States desire the construction of the canal will be the most potent reason for opposition to it by those nations which fear the United States as a coming commercial rival, and will oppose any and everything that will make the way to that rivalry easier and shorter. In the meantime the Democratic party has fooled over this thing for four years, and frittered away a grand opportunity to build a lasting monument to itself.

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It looks very much as if Hon. Marion Butler had got mad all the way through, daubed himself with warpaint, unsheathed his scalping knife and proclaimed war against those fellows who jumped on him in the Senatorial melee and against the other fellows who took advantage of his confiding trust and played him and his faithful following foul. He has presented the public from time to time with racy instalments of his opinion of Pritchard, Harry Skinner *et al.*, who pooled their issues and knocked him out, has told of the ineffible contempt he has for the fellows calling themselves Pops who sold out for a few bones, and now he reaches for his quiver and lets fly a handful of sharp-pointed arrows at Governor Russell, who, he says, has been playing the snake in the grass, while he was professing to be a friend. We do not know that the public is much interested in this post-election racket, only in so far as it is putting on record a disgusting story of spoils grabbing, of breaches of faith, of political demoralization, of personal disappointment and chagrin, in the public exposure of which the principals who posed as big men, prove to be sordid, spoils-grabbing dwarfs. What can be expected of parties with such leaders?

If J. Wilkes Booth isn't dead, he has managed to keep himself pretty well buried.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Every time a national bank fails Comptroller Eckels selects for its receiver one of the bolting gold Democrats. At the present rate of banking disaster it looks as if the boy financier might be able to place all the Palmer and Buckner voters in Government jobs before the end of his term.—*New York Journal, Dem.*

—— There is no disguising the unpleasant fact that the arbitration treaty has few friends in the Senate of the United States. Those Senators like Mr. Sherman, who profess the greatest friendship for it, are its worst enemies. Their kindness is more fatal than the hostility of its open foes.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— Congressman Dockery says that Speaker Reed "stands like a lion in the path" of the people who are trying to run up appropriations on a bankrupt treasury. Undoubtedly the Speaker can roar loud enough on occasion, but somehow he has not kept the appropriations of this Congress from rising above the billion-dollar mark.—*New York World, Dem.*

—— The late President Roberts, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, began working for the company as a surveyor's rodman, and his successor began in the shops. Their successes should be as a beacon light to ambitious young men in the humbler walks of life. Such opportunities as they enjoyed are, of course, not vouchsafed to all young men; indeed, they are very few and far between. Nevertheless, real merit seldom goes unrewarded. The reward may not be as great as a railroad presidency, but it is substantial. —*Savannah News, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— "You ain't forgot dat maximum I tole you yestidy, is you, Sammie?"

"No, grand-dad. 'A bird in de han' is wuff two on de roost.'"—*Life.*

— Pat—They do say the car nixt the inj ne is the most dangerous.

Mike—Begorra, thin, why don't they lave it off?—*Household Words.*

— Ethel—"You may ask papa, Mr. Van Isbe."

Van Isbe—"My darling, I'll never be able to find him. He owes me £35."—*Tit Bits.*

—Jobe—Uncle Simon, what is a phenomenon?

Uncle Simon—A phenomenon is a man who gets so rich that he won't accept a pass on a railroad.—*Chicago Record.*

— The Last Stage: Jane—Is Miss Oldly out of the matrimonial market yet?

Maud—No, but she's on the remnant counter.—*Truth.*

— Equality: Friend—"Do you think every man has a chance in this country?"

Millionaire—"I do. Any man who is sufficiently intelligent, industrious and energetic may become the father-in-law of an English duke."—*Puck.*

—There Was Some Noise: "An' what is all that noise in the nixt room?" asked Mrs. O'Hoolihan. "Sure, an' that's Pat a-smashin' of his New Year's resolootions," replied Mrs. McMulligan. —*Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.*

—"Henry!" "Yes, your Excellency?" "It is something of a coincidence that both Queen Victoria and William J Bryan have mape speeches lately." "In what does the coincidence, sire?" "One address was a speech from the throne."—*Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.*

—Young Writer (to editor of Monthly Review)—"If you think my article so good, why don't you let me put my name to it?" Editor—"Because nobody would read it if I did." Young Writer—"But you had an article by the Duke of Ditchwater in your last number, and you put his name to it." Editor—"Exactly; but nobody would have read it if I hadn't."—*Pick-Me Up.*

— Dunn *Union*: Our town was saddened Sunday by the news of the death of Mr. H. J. Strickland, which occurred on Friday at his home in Raleigh, after an illness of a week with grippe and pneumonia. Mr. Strickland is well known here, having made this place his home for several years till last September, when he moved to Raleigh. —— Quite a large quantity of dogwood and persimmon timber is being shipped from this place. We think most of it goes to Fayetteville to the shuttle factory, where it is made into shuttles. Nearly every dogwood tree and persimmon tree for four or five miles around Dunn has been or will be cut, if the owners will sell them. We learn that the price paid is small—50 cents a cord for the trees standing in the woods.

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DR. MILES' RESTORATIVE NERVINE cures nervous prostration. Not miraculously, but scientifically, by first removing the germs of disease, and then supplying healthy nerve food, increasing the appetite, helping digestion and strengthening the entire system. Desperate cases require prolonged treatment as shown by that of Mrs. M. B. Reed, of Delta, Iowa, who writes: "As the result of a lightning stroke, the physicians said I had a light stroke of paralysis, my limbs would all draw up. I would have throbbings in my chest that seemed unendurable. For three months I could not sleep and for three weeks did not close my eyes. I prayed for sleep, and felt that if relief did not come I would be dead or insane. I took Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and the second night slept two hours and from that time on my health improved; slowly at first, but steadily and surely. I took in all 40 bottles, and I cannot express how grateful I am, for I am now perfectly well, and have taken no medicine for over four months." Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold by druggists on guarantee that first bottle benefits or money refunded.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Rockingham *Rocket:* We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Mary McDonald, the mother of D. H. McDonald, which occurred near Hamlet last Saturday night. She was in her 67th year.

— Greensboro *Record*: Mr. Tonkins, who has had charge of the pumping station at the water works here, was found dead at his post this afternoon about 3 o'clock. No one was with him at the time and the exact cause of death is not known, nor can it be yet learned. Probably it was some heart trouble.

— Charlotte *News*: Mr. John McCoy, the well known stone mason, was probably fatally injured this (Thursday) afternoon. The accident occurred at a point below the Victor Mill, where the city force is working on the sewerage system. The force is engaged in laying sewer pipe and blasting is often required. This afternoon at 2 o'clock a blast was set off. A large section of flying rock struck Mr. McCoy on the head and fractured his skull. The police patrol wagon was sent for at once, and physicians were summoned immediately. It is thought he cannot live.

— Monroe *Enquirer:* Dr. J. C. Brown died at his home in Durham on the 29th of January. He had been sick for some time. He was formerly a citizen of Monroe. —— Mr. M. C. Ross died at his home in Marshville township, last Thursday, of consumption. He was about 29 years old, and leaves a wife and several children. —— More mules and horses have been sold in this section this season than ever before. Where do all the mules go? Every year hundreds upon hundreds of mules are sold in this country, and our people are raising more stock than ever.

— Monroe *Journal:* Last Thursday the body of Caswell Privett, a white man, who lived near Marshville on a plantation belonging to Rev. A. Marsh, was found frozen stiff and half covered in a puddle of mud and water near the residence of Mr. Irvin Phifer, between Olive Branch and Marshville. It was near the roadside, but had been passed by unobserved for some time. When the searchers found the body they had to procure an axe to cut the ice before they could remove it. Privett came to Monroe last Tuesday to get some medicine for his sick wife. He got some whiskey and started back home. He was seen to pass Meadow Branch at about sundown, and this was the last seen of him.

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style of beauty, than any quantity of common-place ware whose maker is unknown, and whose quality is doubtful.

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Art and the Dollar Question.

I have a friend whom I shall venture to call a "poor artist," for I know that he is poor and gets his living, such as it is, by painting. I cannot pretend to judge his work, but I have had ample proof that he is devoted, laborious and will not sacrifice his convictions for gain or popularity. Perhaps he is not so singular in this, but what, as my experience goes, is a peculiarity of his is that he is not in the habit of cursing the "Philistines." His view seems to be that, as he paints to suit himself, it does not comport with his self respect to blame people whom his painting does not suit for refusing to buy it or for being unable to understand it. My friend, as I have said, is poor and is likely to remain so, but he appears really content with his work and his relative poverty.

I confess that his attitude is a comfort to me, and that in his patience and modesty and generous fidelity to his ideal he is a model whom some other artists — perhaps artists generally — might study with advantage. He puts into his work the best he has to give, and that, in substance, is what the great critics have insisted is the source of the greatest value in art. Of course a man's best, so far as concerns his talent, may be much or little, but whatever it is he will hardly get it into his work if he is thinking chiefly of the money return or if he is habitually resentful because he does not get the money return.—Scribner's.

A Historic Homestead.

Says the Philadelphia Record: "Among Germantown's many old time residences one of the most notable is the Morris homestead on Main street, opposite Market square. This old home was the residence of General Howe and at the same time the home of Prince William, then a youth, who afterward became king of England. Subsequently it was occupied by President Washington. The old colonial house was built in 1772 by the ancestors of the family now occupying it. The quaint interior of this stately mansion always commands much attention. The rooms are square and are finished in solid walnut and rosewood cabinet ware of a pattern in fashion at the time of the Revolution. In one room stands an old clock, at one time the property of Marie Antoinette, which ticked away the hours in its same solemn meter in the gorgeous palaces of Louis XVI. There are quaint old sofas and tables, none of them a day under 80 years old. The parlor is also furnished in the same antique style. In the bedrooms there are numerous relics of Revolutionary times. In one chamber is a bedstead 85 years old, with tall, carved rosewood posts, and the tapestries and curtains, paintings and bric-a-brac are all of an age long past."

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STORIES OF HATS.

Incidents Showing How Easy It Is For a Person to Be Mistaken.

"Speaking of hats," said a Brookline gentleman the other day, "I went into a Boston barber shop one Saturday afternoon last summer to get a shave. When the knight of the razor had finished with me, I found that some one had gone off with my hat, but he had made a poor trade, as the one he left was brand new, so I did not mourn. All I could do was to put on the fresh tile, which fitted me quite well, and await developments.

"Monday afternoon the man who had unintentionally walked off with my properly on his head called upon me. He was calm, but it was the calm which follows a storm. The storm took place at his hatter's. He thought he had been imposed upon. Said he: 'I bought a new hat Saturday afternoon, or thought I did, and wore it home. But Sunday morning when I sat down in a chair on the piazza and laid my hat in another, I thought it did not appear bright and clean like one should that was just from the store. An examination disclosed the fact that it was not new, and I jumped to the conclusion that the hatter had palmed off a second-hand article upon me. I was mad, but I said nothing. I saved my wind till the next day.

"'Then I called at the hat store and exploded. The dealer answered me that he had supplied me a perfectly new hat, the one I had picked out; that there had been no trick played upon me, and that I must have changed hats somewhere after I left his place. I declared that I had gone straight home and gone home "straight." It was no use for us to talk. We could not agree, and I came away about as wrathy as I was when I went there. After I had left the hat store it occurred to me that I had not gone directly home, but had stopped at the barber's. To the barber shop I now went again, and there I was told that you had lost your hat. Is this it?'

"A look at the hat showed me it was mine, and I said 'Yes.'

"'Well,' said the chagrined man, 'please kick me, and then I will return to the hatter's and let him repeat the job while I apologize.' And with excuses for troubling me he bid me goodby.

"I am very particular about my hats and the way they fit," continued the Brookline gentleman, "but must acknowledge one joke on me. I went into the Boston tavern to play a game of billiards not long since. At the end of the match, when I took my hat from a hook and put it on, it did not seem to fit, and this was not due to any increase in the size of my head on account of having been victorious. A moment's inspection showed that I had the hat of my brother-in-law from Pennsylvania, who had been here on a visit, but had gone home three days before, and I had been wearing his hat ever since without discovering it during that time."—Boston Herald.

The Country's Growth.

In 1800 only the country between the Atlantic and the Mississippi belonged to the United States. Since that the Louisiana purchase in 1803, the Florida in 1821, the Mexican acquisitions in 1840, 1850 and 1853 and Alaska in 1867 have been added. The increase, excluding Alaska, has been from 827,844 to 3,025,600 square miles, or three and five-eighths, but the growth of population has been from 5,308,483 to 62,622,250, or nearly twelvefold. In 1800 the inhabitants were a little less than 7 to a square mile (in 1790 they had been less than 5); in 1890 they were over 21. The place where the population is densest is the District of Columbia, which has 3,839 to the mile; the next is Rhode Island, 318; then Massachusetts, 278; then New Jersey, 193; Connecticut, 154; New York, 125; Pennsylvania, 116; Maryland, 105. The other states and territories run below 100, down to Montana, Wyoming, Arizona, Nevada, which have less than one inhabitant to the mile. The census commissioner notes that in Rhode Island and Massachusetts the density of population is as great as in many of the most densely settled European states, and that the entire north Atlantic division, pre-eminently the manufacturing section, has an average of over 100 inhabitants to the square mile. But it may be a surprise to some that among the old states Maine has only 22, New Hampshire 41, Vermont 26.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Ghosts.

The Villa Garin de Coconato, at Cimiez, in the gardens of which the queen is so fond of walking and driving, formerly had the reputation of being haunted. As a matter of fact, early in the century it was occupied by some false coiners, who, to divert the curiosity of the peasants, used to dress up as ghosts and go solemnly round the ruined temple of Apollo in the garden at midnight, singing the "De Profundis." They were eventually captured, and a genuine "De Profundis" was then sung for two of their number, who were hanged.—London Chronicle.

Confidential Information.

"You feel very sluggish, do you not?" said the physician.

"Dook," said the patient confidentially, "bein ez yer me physician, I'll tell you somethin. I've been a professional pugilist in me time, an between me an you that sluggish feelin you hear 'em talkin so much about is gin'rally a complete bluff." —Washington Star.

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

Burgaw circuit, at Rocky Point, February 6, 7.

Clinton circuit, at Keeners, February 13, 14.

Jacksonville and Richlands, at Jacksonville, February 20, 21.

Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27, 28.

Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7.

Onslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14.

Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21.

Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March 27, 28.

Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (night), March 28.

Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 30.

Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April 3, 4.

Bladen circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

Raleigh *Poess-Visitor:* Mr. C. V. Hicks died Wednesday morning in the 69th year of his age.

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Wholesale Prices Current.

The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6
Standard		@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	13	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	6¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	4½	@	5
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	4½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
New City, each	1 20	@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔	23	@	24
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTE —			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	
Northern	19	@	22
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	36	@	40
Virginia Meal	36	@	40
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	15
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE ℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	12
State		@	10
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	11	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¾
Yarns ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	11	@	12½
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	32 00	@	32 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 50
N C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Mackerel	3 25	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 25
Straight	4 75	@	5 00
First Patent	5 00	@	5 75
GLUE—℔ ℔—		@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White,	40	@	43½
Car load, in bags—White,	37½	@	38
Oats, from store	36	@	38½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas	45	@	50
HIDES, ℔ ℔—			
Green		@	14
Dry		@	8
HAY ℔ 100 ℔—			
Eastern		@	1 00
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOF IRON, ℔ ℔	2	@	2½
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	5	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel		@	1 15
LUMBER (City sawed), ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff resawed	15 00	@	2000
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbados, in hhds		@	28
" in bbls		@	30
Porto Rico, in hhds	27	@	28
" in bbls		@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	13	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	16
Syrup, in bbls	13	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut 60d basis		@	1 75
PORK, ℔ ℔ brl—			
City Mess	9 00	@	9 25
Rump		@	8 75
Prime		@	8 75
ROPE ℔ ℔	10	@	10
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	80
Lisbon		@	
American		@	80
On the Coast	40	@	40
SHINGLES, 5-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 00
Common	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	5 00	@	5 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu		@	4½
Standard A		@	4½
White Ex. C		@	4¼
Extra C, Golden	4	@	4¼
C		@	3¾
Yellow		@	3½
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern		@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	5 50	@	6 00
Common Mill	4 00	@	5 00
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	4	@	4½
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 20	@	1 25
North Carolina	1 20	@	1 25

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, February 5.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 26¼ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 25¾ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at 95 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Firm. Hard 1 40, Yellow Dip 1 90, Virgin 1 80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm 26½@26c; rosin steady, $1 35, 1 30; tar quiet, 90c; crude turpentine easy, $1 50, 1 90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	84
Rosin	809
Tar	276
Crude Turpentine	58

Receipts same day last year—49 casks spirits turpentine, 772 bbls rosin, 236 bbls tar, 8 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON

Market firm on a basis of 6¾c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4¾	cts ℔ lb
Good Ordinary	5¾	" "
Low Middling	6¾	" "
Middling	6¾	" "
Good Middling	7 1-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7⅛c.

Receipts—45 bales; same day last year 694.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 55@60c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 65c; Fancy, 65@70c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 50@55c, Fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 40 to 43 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $3.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $5.00 to 8.50 per M.

COTTON AND NAVAL STORES.

WEEKLY STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

For week ended Feb. 5, 1897.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
884	188	1,750	741	67

RECEIPTS.

For week ended Feb. 7, 1896.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
1,895	323	5,232	1,107	101

EXPORTS.

For week ended Feb. 5, 1897.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	29	38	000	000	(0)
Foreign	00	00	000	000	000
	29	38	000	0 0	0 0

EXPORTS.

For week ended Feb. 7, 1896.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	900	519	61	569	133
Foreign	2,765	000	3,116	000	000
Rosin	3,665	519	3,177	569	133

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat, Feb. 5, 1897

	Ashore.	Afloat.	Total.
Cotton	11,116	31	11,147
Spirits	1,143	433	1,576
Rosin	29,903	2,294	32,397
Tar	7,594	450	8,044
Crude	346	000	346

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat, Feb. 7, 1896.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
12,982	4,127	29,530	12,261	696

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, February 5—Evening—Money on call was easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan at 1½ per cent; closing offered at 1¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper was 3 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with the actual business in bankers bills at 484½@484¾ for sixty days; 486¼@486¾ for demand. Commercial bills 483¼@484¼. Government bonds were steady; United States coupon fours 119¾; United States twos 95¼. State bonds steady; North Carolina fours 103; North Carolina sixes 122. Railroad bonds firm.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was neglected.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, February 5—Evening.—Cotton steady; middling 7 5 16c.

Cotton futures closed quiet and steady; February 7 00, March 7 09 April 7 10, May 7 17, June 7 21, July 7 25 August 7 26, September 6 94, October 6 85, November 6 85, December 6 90. Sales 58,200 bales.

Cotton—net receipts — bales; gross 5,693 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,900 bales; to France — bales; to the Continent 1,600 bales; forwarded 3,902 bales; sales — bales; sales to spinners 857 bales; stock 283,327 bales.

Weekly—Net receipts 947 bales; gross 19 877 bales; exports to Great Britain 12 814 bales; to France 760 bales; to the Continent 5,371 bales; forwarded 8 527 bales; sales 7,074 bales; sales to spinners 3,474 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 14 088 bales; exports to Great Britain 7,347 bales; to France 6 519 bales; to the Continent 15,153 bales; stock 998 400 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 100 188 bales; exports to Great Britain 76 985 bales; to France 27,613 bales; to the Continent 48 208 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 5 613,107 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,868,868 bales; exports to France 517,944 bales; exports to the Continent 1,371,335 bales; to the Channel 5 481 bales.

Flour quiet, steady and unchanged; Southern flour dull and unchanged; common to fair extra $3 30@3 65; good to choice $3 75@4 05. Wheat—spot dull but steady; No. 2 red free on board 94¼c; ungraded 75@95c; No. 1 Northern 87

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TOBACCO AND DIPLOMACY.

Some Philosophy by Prince Bismarck on the Cigar as an Active Assistant.

When Bismarck played great politics, he seemed not to disdain the stratagems of war—that is to say, something very like deceit came well to hand. Here is what he did in an interview with Jules Favre, who, representing the Republicans of France when Paris was to fall, was negotiating with the conquering Germans for the best terms under the circumstances. The two statesmen exchanged civilities, and Bismarck jumped in. He was after a tremendous war indemnity and the cession of Alsace and Lorraine. And he got them, and this is how he got them: He "put up" a big bluff. He said: "So you say, 'Not an inch of our soil; not a stone of our fortresses.' It is useless to discuss further. My time is precious. So is yours, and I don't see why we should waste it. Moreover, you have come too late. There behind that door is a delegate of the emperor, Napoleon III, and I am about to negotiate with him."

This was a staggerer. The astounded Frenchman did not know that that door concealed nothing more important than a cupboard or a closet. The discussion was resumed. Bismarck, shortly rising as if to leave, put his hand on the handle of that Napoleonic door. Favre sprang up and implored Bismarck not to impose upon France the continued shame of a Bonaparte. Then they sat down and talked some more. Not long after, what with playing the Napoleon dummy behind the door and the alleged Napoleon sentiment throughout France, Bismarck brought the republican to his own terms.

When the poor Frenchman had been bamboozled by the great diplomatist and they came to the easier matter of arranging terms for the surrender of Paris, Bismarck talked the philosophy of smoking to his unhappy victim in this wise:

"You are wrong (Favre had declined a cigar, saying he did not smoke). When you enter on a discussion which may lead to vehement remarks, you should smoke. When one smokes, the cigar is held between the fingers. One must handle it, not allow it to fall, and thereby violent movements of the body are avoided or weakened. With regard to the mental condition, it does not deprive us of our intellectual capacity, but it produces a state of kindly repose. The cigar is a diversion, and this blue smoke which rises in curves and which the eye involuntarily follows pleases and renders us more flexible. The organ of smell is gratified; one is happy. In this state of smell one is very disposed to make concessions, and our business—that of diplomatists—continually consists in mutual concessions."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Our Center of Population.

The march of the center of population in the United States from decade to decade shows the advance of the nation. In 1790 it was 23 miles east of Baltimore; in 1800, 18 miles west of that city; in 1810, 40 miles west by northwest from Washington city; in 1820, 16 miles north of Woodstock, Va.; in 1830, 19 miles southwest of Moorfield, in what is now West Virginia; in 1840, 16 miles south of Clarksville, W. Va.; in 1850, 23 miles southeast of Parkersburg, W. Va.; in 1860, 20 miles south of Chillicothe, O.; in 1870, 48 miles east by north of Cincinnati; in 1880, in almost the same latitude as in 1860, but a little farther west of Cincinnati.

After all the tremendous western growth the fact that for a century the center of population has kept on almost the same line of latitude and is still less than 600 miles from the Atlantic, notwithstanding the vast expanse of territory to the Pacific, shows the density of the eastern population and its strength as a solid factor in national influence.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Finnish Matrimony.

All the way our driver had been very chatty. He told us how he had chosen his wife. He said: "There was some talk of her in the village. My aunt's nephew spoke to me of her, but I never saw her till the day before we were engaged. When I heard of her, I went to the puhumy—man of speech—who always arranges these things. I gave him 5 marks for her. She liked what she heard of me, and she gave him, as she was bound, a white shirt. Then I thought I would see her, so we arranged to meet at church at Unnikiemi, and we went there, and it was all right. We get on together."—"Vignettes of Finland."

Cleverness is a sort of genius for instrumentality. It is the brain of the hand. In literature cleverness is more frequently accompanied by wit, genius and sense than by humor.—Coleridge.

NOT SO BADLY WINDED.

An Ambitious Wheelman Becomes Aware of His Error.

A kerosene bicycle certainly has its faults, and at present the price is unsatisfactory, but I had sport enough with mine the first afternoon I took the road to balance the account.

It was the first one seen in that part of the country, and as the young fellows call it "the lazy man's wheel" I told none of them about my purchase. Next day, in the afternoon, I filled the little tank with oil, lighted the "ignition lamp" and set off at about 4 o'clock for a trial trip.

On that hot summer evening there was a certain indolent pleasure and comfort in sitting back and allowing the little kerosene engine to furnish the motive power while I steered. The contrivance worked fairly well. Of course there was a little odor, but not more than comes from a kerosene lantern, and it did not puff loud enough to frighten horses.

After about ten miles, south bound, I made a call on an acquaintance and then rode back. It had grown quite dark along the unlighted country highway when I drew near the village where I live, but as I was in no haste I shut the oil off to about the least degree of speed possible and was jogging slowly forward when toot, toot, toot! went a mellow little bugle behind, and a fellow bicyclist trundled up abreast of me on the other side of the road.

It was too dark for me to recognize him, even if he had been an acquaintance and not an entire stranger. He said "Good evening" and passed me rapidly, for he was evidently a "scorcher" who liked to show speed.

"Good evening," I replied, and let on a little more oil, for no one enjoys being left behind in a summary manner. My new machine quickened, and I hung on his quarter.

Observing this, he also quickened, and I let on a little more oil, keeping close in his rear.

My machine now puffed audibly, and I was aware that my fellow traveler turned his head in an effort to scrutinize me more closely. It was quite dark, however, and apparently he concluded that I was doing the puffing and exerting myself injudiciously to race him.

"Your wind seems a little sprung, my friend," he remarked pleasantly.

"I do have the phthisic slightly in hay fever time," I replied, moving up abreast of him and even passing him a little.

Thereupon he put up his racing hump. It was to be a race, I saw. So, not to be outdone in good form, I put up a hump, too, and also opened up the feed pipe of my kerosene works.

In consequence I appeared to puff terribly, but by this time the other fellow was doing a good deal of puffing himself, for we had come to a long stretch of ascending ground, where the road was decidedly heavy.

I maintained my hump and went up the hill in great shape, and I will do my rival the justice to say that he followed my lead in good style. His pride was evidently touched, and he was exerting himself to the utmost.

I led him by an easy 20 yards, however, and I knew that he must be suffering. Human muscle cannot compete properly on a long, hard hill, with steam or kerosene. He stuck to the race pluckily, however, thinking that a wind sprung man must needs collapse ere long, or else perhaps that he could yet come in on the down hill stretch beyond.

The village lay on the other side of the hill, and, emerging from the shadows of a pine grove, we passed the cemetery and glided swiftly into the main street under the bright glare of an arc light. I now slowed suddenly, preparatory to turning into the cross street, where I live, and my friend of the up hill race glided alongside.

"For a hay fever man you are a good"—he began to say, but stopped short, for now for the first time he got a good view of my wheel and saw that my feet were on the rests. Then many impetuous words, low, but emphatic, burst from his lips.

"Yes, hay fever is very disagreeable, but is not dangerous to life," I said. "Good night."

The muttered response of my new road acquaintance I will not repeat.—Youth's Companion.

Instantaneous Lemonade.

Get two dozen lemons and roll each one separately on a smooth, hard surface until it is quite soft; then cut off the end and with a dull knife scrape out all the juice and pulp. Strain this carefully through a thin cloth; then make the juice almost thick with sugar, bottle in glass, using a cork stopper, and stand in a cool place. It will keep a long time, and to make a glass of fresh lemonade you have only to put in a tumbler of cold water enough of the sugared acid to suit your taste. You might do this when lemons are cheap, and then when lemons are scarce and high in price you will not be deprived of your favorite beverage because it costs too much to indulge.—Washington Star.

Bank Note Paper.

The paper used in American national bank notes and greenbacks is of a superior quality, and by a secret process minute threads of red and blue silk are distributed over the surface, the incorporation of these with the fabric being an additional safeguard against counterfeiting. Counterfeiters have been able to imitate almost every other peculiar feature of the bank note, but have never succeeded with the threads.

Unskilled laborers in the Swiss iron works consider themselves fortunate if they make 50 cents a day. Skilled workmen receive from 50 cents to $1, according to dexterity and length of employment.

Colorado has always been called the "Centennial State," from the fact of its admission into the Union in the centennial year of our national history.

In the United States a driver of horses sits on the right and turns his team in that direction. In England the national custom is the reverse.

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In Pretoria.

It is a gray day, with a soft, soaking drizzle of rain, good for the long parched crops, but somewhat depressing to the spirits and curiously in harmony with the general prospect of affairs. Yesterday's dazzling sunshine and tropical heat, though tempered by a pleasant breeze in the afternoon, culminated about sunset in one of the magnificent storms which take place every now and then throughout the rainy season. In a few minutes, as it seemed, from the time when we had first noticed that clouds were gathering the sky was black and a shrieking wind was whirling clouds of yellow dust from Government House down the whole length of Longmarket street, blotting out trees and houses on either side. Then, after a pause, down came the rain mingled with hailstones, some of them as large as marbles, which rattled on the zinc roofs till—between them and the thunder—one could hardly hear one's self speak indoors.

It passed almost as quickly as it had come, leaving the sluices in every street roaring like brooks in spate, gardens sorely damaged and great holes washed here and there in the roadway for the corporation to fill up with broken shale.—London Speaker.

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JOHN D. BELLAMY,
Attorney for Mortgagee.
jan 19

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT JAN. 19, 1897.

DEPARTURES FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.50 a m, Warsaw 11.11 a m, Goldsboro 12.01 a m, Wilson 12.48 p m, Rocky Mount 1.20 p m, Tarboro 2.50 p m, Weldon 3.39 p m, Petersburg 5.32 p m, Richmond 6.40 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.53 a m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 3.30 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.55 p m, Weldon 1.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.24 a m, Richmond 4.20 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.25 a m, New York 2.03 p m, Boston 8.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND:

DAILY 3.25 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.32 p m, Chadbourn 5.14 p m, Marion 6.08 p m, Florence 6.45 p m, Sumter 8.45 p m, Columbia 10.05 p m, Denmark 6.20 a m, Augusta 8.10 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.20 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.30 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 4.45 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave *Boston 1.03 p m, New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.50 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12.45 p m, Wilson 2.12 p m, Goldsboro 3.10 p m, Warsaw 4.02 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.20 p m, Weldon 9.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.05 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.20 a m, Goldsboro 7.03 a m, Warsaw 7.58 a m, Magnolia 8.16 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.15 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.25 a m, Sanford 3.19 p m, Jacksonville 7.00 p m, Savannah 12.45 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 5.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 2.45 p m, Denmark 4.55 p m, Sumter 7.12 a m, Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 6.45 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.06 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.28 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7.55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.20 a m, Greenville 8.22 a m. Arriving Halifax at 11.00 a m, Weldon 11.20 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Parmele 8.50 a m and 3.40 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9.50 a m and 6.30 p m, arrives Washington 11.25 a m and 7.20 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.30 a m., Arrive Tarboro 9.50 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.18 a m and 4.10 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9 10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9 42 a m, Rowland 10 00 a m., returning leaves Rowland 5 38 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.00 p m, leave Conway 2 25 p m, Chadbourn 5.20 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 42 p m, Manning 7.10 p m, arrive Lane's 7 48 p m, leave Lanes 8.25 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 2.50 p m, Smithfield 2.58 p m, Dunn 3.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m, 1.10 a m, Rowland 5.38 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.20 a m, 10.20 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.48 p m, 12.10 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 30 a m, Creston 5 2? a m, arrive Denmark 6 20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 55 p m, Creston 5 47 p m, Sumter 6 40 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.45 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.45 p m. Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

H. M. EMERSON,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.
J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager.
T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager. jan 21 tf

W., N. & N. Railway.

In Effect Sunday, May 17, 1896
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

NORTH BOUND *6	NORTH BOUND †8	STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND †7	SOUTH BOUND ‡5
A M	P M	—WILMINGTON—	P M	P M
	3 00	Lv...Mulberry street...Ar	12 40	
7 00	3 10	Lv....Surry street....Ar	12 30	8 25
9 50		Ar..Jacksonville.......Lv		12 05
11 00	3 58	Lv " Ar	10 42	10 25
11 58	4 30	Lv..Maysville..........Lv	10 09	9 18
12 30	4 44	Lv..Pollocksville......Lv	9 55	8 50
1 30	5 20	Ar..Newbern..........Lv	9 20	8 00
	P M		A M	

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Nos. 7 and 8 passenger trains.
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*Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
‡Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
†Daily except Sunday.

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Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad
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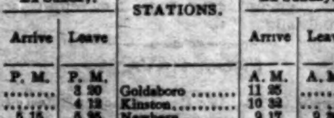

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 25	....
....	4 12	Kinston	10 32	....
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 27	6 42	Morehead City....	8 01	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a. m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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IN EFFECT DECEMBER 20, 189 .

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 1.	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 2.
7 45 p. m.	Ar...Wilmington...Lve	7 10 a. m.
4 35 "	Lv...Fayetteville...Ar	11 00 a. m.
4 18 "	Ar...Fayetteville...Lv	11 21 "
4 12 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 27 "
2 55 "	Lv....Sanford....Lv	1 00 p. m.
12 43 "	Lv.....Climax.....Lv	2 55 "
12 15 "	Lv....Greensboro....Ar	3 25 "
11 55 a. m.	Ar....Greensboro....Lv	3 35 "
11 07 "	Lv....Stokesdale....Lv	4 23 "
"		"
10 22 "	Lv...Walnut Cove...Lv	4 55 "
10 04 "	Lv....Rural Hall....Lv	5 20 "
8 40 "	Lv.....Mt Airy.....Ar	6 50 "

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 3.	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 4.
7 55 p m	Ar...Bennettsville...Lv	8 30 a. m.
6 17 "	Lv.....Maxton.....Ar	9 40 "
5 36 "	Lv...Red Springs...Lv	10 18 "
4 45 "	Lv...Hope Mills...Lv	11 01 "
4 28 "	Lv...Fayetteville...Ar	11 19 "

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 15. MIXED.	Factory and Madison Branches.	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 16. MIXED.
6 05 p m	Ar.....Ramseur.....Lv	6 45 a.
4 20 "	Lv.....Climax.....Lv	8 35 "
3 25 "	Lv....Greensboro....Ar	9 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 MIXED. daily ex sun
Leave Greensboro..........	9 35 a. m.
Leave Stokesdale..........	11 07 "
Arrive Madison..........	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. MIXED. daily ex sun
Leave Madison..........	12 30 p m
Leave Stokesdale..........	1 28 "
Arrive Greensboro..........	2 40 "

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April 5th, 1896.		No. 41	No. 403
		P. M.	A. M.
Leave Wilmington,	S. A. L.	*3 20	
Arrive Maxton	"	6 19	
Arrive Hamlet	"	6 52	
Leave Hamlet	"	7 15	*9 10
Arrive Wadesboro	"	8 01	9 52
Arrive Monroe	"	8 55	10 40
Leave Monroe	"	9 10	10 45
Arrive Charlotte	"	10 20	11 35
			P. M.
Arrive Lincolnton	"		12 56
Arrive Shelby	"		1 50
Arrive Rutherfordton	"		3 00
		A. M.	
Leave Hamlet	S. A. L.	†9 25	
Arrive Osborne	"	9 50	
" Kollock	"	10 25	
" Cheraw	"	10 4?	
			P. M.
Leave Cheraw	S. A. L.		†3 30
" Kollock	"		5 50
" Osborne	"		6 25
Arrive Hamlet	"		6 50
		P. M.	
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.	*3 20	
			A. M.
" Monroe	"	9 05	*10 45
Arrive Chester	"	10 32	12 03
			P. M.
" Clinton	"	11 58	1 20
	"	A. M.	
" Greenwood	"	1 00	2 33
" Abbeville	"	1 32	2 58
" Elberton	"	2 36	4 00
" Athens	"	3 38	5 10
" Atlanta	"	5 2?	6 45
Leave Atlanta	A. & W. P.	5 35	
Ar Montgomery	West of Ala.	10 45	
		P. M.	
Arrive Mobile	L. & N.	4 10	
" New Orleans	"	*8 30	
		A. M.	P. M.
Arrive Columbia	C. N. & L.	*10 00	*4 30
		A. M.	P. M.
Arrive Augusta	P. R. & W. C.	†9 35	*5 05
			P. M.
Arrive Macon	M. & N.		*6 40

EAST AND NORTH.

April 5th, 1896.		No 38	No 402
			P. M.
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.		*3 20
		A. M.	
Arrive Hamlet	"		6 55
Leave Hamlet	"	*8 15	10 35
Arrive Southern Pines	"	9 15	11 21
	"		A. M.
" Raleigh	"	11 26	1 21
		P. M.	
" Henderson	"	1 0?	2 33
" Weldon	"	*3 00	*4 05
		P M	A. M.
Arrive Portsmouth	S. A. L.	*5 50	*7 30
" Norfolk	"	6 00	7 50
		P. M.	A. M.
Arrive Richmond	A. C. L.	*6 40	*6 ?0
" Washington	P. R. R.	11 10	10 45
		A. M.	P. M.
" Baltimore	"	12 48	12 05
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" New York	"	*6 53	*4 53

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BANK FAILURE.

Directors of the Northwestern National Bank of Great Falls, Montana, Discover Defalcation of About $27,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

GREAT FALLS, MONT., Feb. 5.—The Northwestern National Bank of this city failed to open its doors this morning, and it is said that the directors have discovered a defalcation of about $27,000. The cashier is R. D. Hatcher. The Northwestern had a capital of $250,000 and an advertised surplus of $50,000. Thomas Couch, G. M. Hyams, Frank Klepto and other prominent stockholders in the Boston & Montana and Butte & Boston mining companies are members of the board of directors of the bank and W. G. Conrad, a Great Falls capitalist, is president of the institution.

The trouble arose out of a recent sale of stock, whereby the Conrad Brothers disposed of holdings to R. D. Hatcher, who claimed to represent Eastern parties. The purchase money, amounting to some $180,000, was paid to the Conrads, and was supposed to come from Hatcher's clients. Nothing further was known of the matter until it was discovered that $177,000 which the Northwestern Bank had in the Globe National Bank of Boston had disappeared. The transfer of the money from the Globe National to a New York bank was known to the directors, but Hatch had said that the officials of that bank were among the purchasers, and it was supposed that the money transferred came from him. Last night President Conrad arrived from Boston and related the condition of affairs as far as the Globe National was concerned. The Northwestern books show a credit there of $178,000, while the Globe National books show a small overdraft. At a meeting of the directors held last night it was decided to close the bank pending an investigation. The last statement of the bank shows deposits of $597,394 and assets about $750,000. The bank officers say there is no doubt but that the depositors will be paid in full. There is no trouble in other banks so far.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—The wheat market was active to-day. It was also very irregular. May wheat opened from 75⅛ to 75¼c, advanced to 75½c., closing at 75⅝ to 75¾c.—a shade under yesterday. Cash wheat was irregular, closing steady.

A prominent commission house was the leading buyer of corn, taking all that was offered and virtually supporting the market. The selling was scattered and for scalping account. The early decline in wheat had a tendency to produce softness in the tone, but the subsequent rally in the leading market was equally as effective for strength. Weather had a firming influence on prices. May corn opened at 24⅛@24¼c, sold between 24⅛ and 24¼@24⅜c, closing at 24¼@24⅜c—a shade under yesterday. Cash corn was steady and unchanged.

May oats closed ⅛c lower. Cash oats were steady and unchanged.

The hog market was disappointingly lower this morning. The run of hogs was several thousand head in excess of anticipation and that had a discouraging effect on product. At the close May pork was 5@7½c lower. May lard 2½@5c lower and May ribs 2½c lower.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

Net Receipts at the Ports—New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1, 1896:

Galveston, 1,714,783 bales; New Orleans, 1,730,866; Mobile, 250,054; Savannah, 712,299; Charleston, 358,367; Wilmington, 225,588; Norfolk, 615,802; Baltimore, 48,440; New York, 95,483; Boston, 129,631; Newport News, 9,237; Philadelphia, 28,845; West Point, 50; Brunswick, 84,427; Port Royal, 58,767; Pensacola, 46,533; Texas City, 44,466; Valasco, blank; total, 5,613,107.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Of Stocks, Receipts and Exports of Cotton.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending Feb. 5:

	1897	1896
Net receipts at all United States ports during the week...	100,183	112,817
Total receipts to this date...............	5,613,107	4,067,215
Exports for the week	152,774	145,901
Total exports to this date...............	4,252,908	2,776,952
Stock in all United States ports.......	998,400	901,012
Stock at all interior towns.............	631,366	460,630
Stock in Liverpool...	1,299,000	1,100,000
American afloat for Great Britain.....	255,000	165,000

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Febuary 5.—Rosin quiet; strained common to good $1 70. Spirits turpentine firm at 28½@29c.

CHARLESTON, February 5.—Spirits turpentine firm at 25c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels: A, B, C $1 40, D, E $1 45, F $1 50, G $1 50, H $1 65, I $1 75, K $1 80, M $1 80, N $1 80, W G $1 90, W W $2 10.

SAVANNAH, February 5.—Spirits turpentine firm at 26¼c, with sales of 894 casks; receipts 246 casks. Rosin firm; sales 5,000 barrels; receipts 3,158 barrels. A, B, C, D, E F $1 50, G $1 60, H $1 75, I $1 85, K $1 90, M $1 90, N $1 90, W G $2 00, W W $2 25.

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SENATE AND HOUSE.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL BILL DISCUSED IN THE SENATE.

The Watson-Black Contested Case Considered in the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The vacancy which has existed in the Senate since the 4th of March, 1896, by reason of the failure of the Delaware Legislature to elect a Senator from that State, was filled to-day by the admission of Richard R. Kenney, whose credentials in due form were presented by Mr. Gray of Delaware, Democrat, and were accepted as *prima facie* evidence of his right to the seat. Even Senators Chandler and Hoar recognized Mr. Kenny's right to be sworn in and take his seat, suggesting, however, the question of whether the Delaware Legislature which had elected him was a fraudulent body, which would be hereafter presented to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. Meantime, Mr. Kenney holds the seat, and the forty-five States of the Union are now fully represented in the Senate by ninety Senators.

The House bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Capitol was not taken up to-day, Mr. Hill stating that it could not be disposed of within the morning hour; but notice was given by Mr. Morrill that he would move to have it taken up to-morrow.

Mr. Thurston of Nebraska, Republican, continued his speech in opposition to the resolution of his Populist colleague (Mr. Allen) questioning the right of the Executive Department to consent to a judicial sale of the property of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. This argument was to show that disposition of the question was the legal and proper one. He had not finished his speech when the morning hour expired.

The Nicaraguan bill was taken up and speeches in opposition to it were made by Senators Allen and Caffery.

Afterwards some fifty pension bills and some twenty-five other unobjected House bills were taken from the calendar and passed, and the Senate at 6.05 p. m. adjourned until to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

With a few interruptions the House applied itself to-day to the consideration of the unfinished business, and while thus engaged disposed of sixty-one private pension bills. Among them were bills granting pensions of $50 a month to the widow of Gen. Erastus A. Tyler; to Edwin C. Spofford, of the Thirty-fifth Massachusetts Infantry; to Shuball Gould, of the Eighth Iowa; to Hans Johnson, of the Twenty-seventh Iowa; to Maj Gen. Julius A. H. Stahel; to the widow of Gen. Matthew P. Trumbull, and of $30 a month to the widow of the late Gen. and Gov. W. H. Stoneman, of California.

Reports were presented and ordered printed upon the contested election cases of Benoit vs. Boatner, from the Fifth district of Louisiana (the second from that district this Congress); of Hopkins vs. Kendall, from the Third Louisiana district, all in favor of the sitting members.

The conference report on the Military Academy Appropriation bill was agreed to.

At 3 50 the House took a recess until 8 o'clock, the evening session to be devoted to private pension bills.

The House Elections Committee No. 1, who have been for several weeks considering the contest brought by the late Populist candidate for the Vice Presidency, Mr. Watson, against the sitting member from the Tenth Georgia District, Mr. Black, adjourned to-day without voting on the majority, report which is now being prepared. It is understood this report favors Mr. Black. The committee will meet again on Tuesday next and finally dispose of the case.

NIGHT SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Loudenslager, of New Jersey, the House at to-night's session adopted a resolution that private pension bills should be considered only when their authors were present and responded to their names. The purpose of the resolution was to insure the attendance of members having bills on the calendar or cause such bills to lose their legislative right of way. Only three bills under the order was passed over, and when the House adjourned at 10.30 p. m. twenty-three bills had been considered and laid aside with a favorable recommendation.

THE TRUSTS.

New York Legislative Committee Investigating Their Proceedings.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The special legislative committee appointed to investigate the subject of trusts met in this city to-day. H. O. Havemeyer and Theo. Havemeyer, the heads of the American Sugar Refinery Company, were on hand, having been subpœnaed as witnesses. Theo. Havemeyer, vice president of the sugar company, was the first witness, but his examination was not as sensational as that of Henry O. Havemeyer, president of the company. The latter said the so-called sugar trust came into existence in 1887 and it continued until January, 1891. The witness said that there were about fifteen companies which were consolidated in 1891. He thought that the total value of the assets of the combined companies was $50,000,000 less 15 percent. Witness said that the American Sugar Refinery Company was organized in 1891 and took the place of the so-called trust. The transfer was made by the purchase of the assets of the trust. Fifty million dollars worth of stock was originally issued and increased in 1893 to $75,000,000. The $25,000,000 increase was for the purchase of Philadelphia sugar refineries.

To an inquiry from Chairman Lexow, whether the witnes' company did not now control the product and price of refined sugar in the United States, Mr. Havemeyer replied in a very emphatic voice: "We undoubtedly do."

"And you do it by reason of the consolidation?"

"We do it simply from the fact that we own property that can refine so much sugar."

FROM HAVANA.

Consul General Lee Has a Prisoner Released.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Feb. 5.—Senora Eva Adan Rodriguez, wife of a rebel colonel, who was brought here yesterday as a prisoner on the steamer Manuela from Nuevitas, and lodged in the house of refuge, was released to-day. She is an American citizen, and at the time of her arrest the Government promised that she would be set at liberty. Upon the representation made by Consul General Lee, she was released from custody.

Dr. Gaspar Betancourt who, it was announced yesterday, had been liberated upon his acquittal of the charge of aiding and abetting the rebels, is still under arrest, and will remain in custody until certain formalities are complied with. It is said, however, that he will be released in a day or two.

The full reforms granted by the Home Government to Cuba are still unknown here. What little information the local press has on the subject was obtained from private sources and consequently the newspapers have nothing on which to base their comments. They make some reference to the matter, and a majority of them express themselves as favorable to the schemes so far as it is known to them.

BUSINESS SITUATION.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW OF THE MARKET.

General Trade Affected by the Weather—Wheat, Corn and Petroleum Advanced in Prices—Business Failures.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: The general trade, which was retarded by unfavorable weather a week ago, has recovered somewhat at Chattanooga, Memphis, Birmingham and New Orleans. While the cold weather cut into stocks or heavy goods, it delayed the sale of Spring goods. Other relatively favorable trade reports are from St. Paul, Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Louis. At most centres jobbers report business quiet or unchanged, with no prospect for immediate improvement. The restriction of the production of cotton goods has not strengthened the market or advanced prices yet. The heavy increase in sales of wool, 40,000,000 pounds, at Boston alone since January 1st, against 24,000,000 pounds last year, is based largely on the expectations of a higher duty on wool. More woollen mills have started up and those which have hit the popular taste in style and fabric are full of present business.

One of the most unsatisfactory industrial features is the lack of demand for iron and steel, prices of which in the Central Western States have gotten below nominal quotations. Eastern and Western iron markers are attracted by the expansion of the Southern pig iron export trade within a few months.

The downward tendency of prices of staples noted during the past two or three weeks is checked, in part, there being almost an equal number of the products and commodities usually quoted, which are higher, lower or unchanged compared with last week. Among those which have advanced are Havana tobacco, wheat corn and oats, paper and refined and crude petroleum. Those which are lower include rosin, hides, wheat, flour, pork, lard, coffee and raw sugar. Practically unchanged quotations are recorded for refined sugar, rice, tea, lumber, wool, cotton and print cloths.

The check to the number of business failures reported last week appears again in the total for the current week 305 throughout the United States as compared with 326 last week and 338 in the same week last year.

Prices of Bessemer pig and grey forge at Pittsburg have slightly advanced, with a more hopeful feeling, notwithstanding the comparative narrowness of the demand for finished products, and in plates and wire and wire nails there is much more business with good prospects. Billets are quoted at $15.25, with scarcely any demand at present. The reports that 25,000 tons of steel plates and sheet bars have been exported to England are the only indications of the temporary excess of supply over demand in this country, and are not supposed to have realized any profit. Bars are quoted at the lowest price ever known at Philadelphia, without much improvement in the demand, and steel mills are still inactive and unchanged in price, the railroads waiting for a decline corresponding to the fall in billets.

In the money market there appears one embarrassment, and the large sale of Northern Pacific and Oregon Navigation securities to European capitalists has given additional assurance that balances due to this country will not be cancelled for some months to come, so that the point of possible gold exports is removed still futher.

Failures for the week have been 311 in the United States, against 323 last year, and 63 in Canada, against 67 last year.

THE BATTLESHIP INDIANA

Unable to Stand the Heavy Seas—Returns to Hampton Roads.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—What may be referred to foreign Governments as an ignominious failure of one of the crack vessels of the new navy receives an explanation which navy officers of experience regard as satisfactory. The return of the battleship Indiana to Hampton Roads to-day, after having been at sea with Admiral Bunce's squadron twenty-four hours, was due to the same turrets which got loose in a storm last Fall when Captain Evans commanded the ship in the evolutions off Long Island. On that occasion the big guns projecting from the turrets swung back and forth across the decks as the ship keeled over on her beam ends in the sea and the gravest fears were felt that the magnificent vessel would "turn turtle," as the sailors express it, and go down with all hands. Captain Evans hove her to, and lashed the guns temporarily, which enabled him to reach port, and then several months were spent at the navy yard in trying to remedy the defect. Capt. Evans was succeeded in command by Capt. Taylor, formerly of the War College, and yesterday was Capt. Taylor's first experience for some time in an armored ship that has earned a reputation for wallowing and it is understood that the long rollers following the recent heavy gale made themselves felt on the ship when the fleet got off Hatteras. If she had not been restricted to squadron formation, Capt. Taylor might have headed his course into the seas, but as the New York, with extra high free board and notable stability, was setting the course and as the Indiana could not safely stay with the fleet, she was permitted to return. If her turrets had broken loose off Hatteras, the ship might have been lost.

The Navy Department gave out the following statement regarding the matter this afternoon:

"The Indiana returned to-day to Hampton Roads, having made a run with the squadron. When she went out this time she had with her a new locking device for her turrets, lately put on at New York and which was intended to remedy the trouble she had the last time she put to sea in heavy weather. This present device has three times the strength of the former one. Very properly the officers of the ship have been cautious and observant as to its workings, and she has returned to the Roads for a further inspection of it and possible readjustment. Her former trouble was occasioned to some extent by her rolling in the very heavy sea which she then encountered, and it is possible she again met unusually rough seas. When the Indiana and Massachusetts were designed they had on, as is absolutely necessary for them, bilge keels, but very unfortunately all the docks up to the one just completed at New York were not of sufficient capacity to dock any of these ships with bilge keels, but anticipating the construction and finishing of the dock at New York, the Department some time ago ordered bilge keels to be ready for all of these ships, and such keels will be placed in position as soon as possible. Great Britain had a similar experience with her battleships before such keels were put on. The Department expects to have the Indiana again at sea in a few day's.

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WARM WIRELETS.

Treasury balances: Coin, $138,095,148; currency, $58,276,516.

A bill to prevent prize fighting in California was passed by the Senate Thursday and now goes to the Assembly for action.

Charles Radbourn, who for many years was the pitcher for Providence and Boston teams of the National league, died at 1 p. m. His death was caused by paresis.

The plan formulated by the English Goverment for incrdasing the strength and efficiency of the navy contemplates the construction of five battleships and three first class cruisers and the addition of ten thousand more men.

For January the Southern Railway earned $1,571,168, a decrease of $72,902; the Georgia & Alabama $88,078, increase $35,516; Chesapeake & Ohio $900,478, decrease $39,650; Alabama & Great Southern $183,250, increase $7,553.

A telephone message from Guthrie, O. T., says that the rumored raid on the Sac and Fox agency is denied by information direct from there, but that a battle took place in the Creek Hills twenty miles east of there, between cattleman and cow thieves, in which several men were shot.

A Richmond, Va., dispatch says: Capt. Hudgins, of the State oyster police steamer, captured Thursday the schooners Rockaway and Ostrich O. Baltimore, charged with dredging oysters in Virginia waters without a license. The combined crews numbered twenty-one men. The schooners were towed into Cockrell Creek and a hearing will be had at Reidsville.

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CANES AND MUSTACHES.

Some Superstitions Connected With the Show Business.

"Where did you get that fuzz on the upper lip, old man?" asked the reporter as the comedian came in with a heavy stride.

"What? This would be mustache? The doctor ordered it."

"The doctor—what for?"

"He told me that a mustache was beneficial to my eyes, and my eyes have been so bad of late that I could see nothing but my salary. So I am getting a mustache, and, on the level, my eyes have been helped considerably. I can read signs now that I couldn't blink at before, and when I look into the newspaper now I can read every ad. of 'Good comedian wanted' without glasses. Bad thing, though, in one way. They want a black faced comedian at So-and-so's house, and when I asked for the part they said I would have to cut off the mustache. Queer superstition, that a black faced man mustn't have any hair on his upper lip."

"Custom of the house though," said the advance agent. "They want only smooth shaved men, and there isn't an employee of that theater has a mustache or beard."

"Old Jim Bailey of the Barnum & Bailey show," broke in the ex-circus man, "had a whim in the government of his people that was peculiarly his own. He would not engage a man who carried a cane and would discharge any employee who acquired the habit of carrying one. Straight goods. He fired some mighty valuable men for that."

"Wherefore was this thus?" demanded the proprietor.

"Why," explained the ex-circus man, "Bailey said that it was this way: 'A man who has a cane has its care always on his mind. He comes into the office and sets that infernal cane in the corner. Then, if you want him to do anything, to go anywhere, to get any sort of a move on him, it's always, "Wait till I get my cane." He loses enough time in hiding that cane where it won't be stolen and digging it up again and generally chasing after it to do a large part of a day's labor.'"

"That must be the reason," said the advance agent, "that Bailey turned me down in 1888. I remember that I was carrying a young tree when I went to see him for a job."

"I once knew a fine old manager," said the comedian sententiously, "who would not employ a cross eyed man under any pretext. He said that a cross eyed man might be all right, but he didn't look straight."

And the meeting adjourned amid riot and confusion.—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Curious Incident.

A gentleman had been staying on a visit with a certain baronet and when leaving behaved very liberally to the domestics, having distributed among them a more than usual amount of money.

He was to proceed on his journey alone on horseback, and just as he was putting his foot in the stirrup to start the groom who assisted him and had been a sharer in his bounty contrived to approach him closely and whispered, unperceived, this startling warning in his ear:

"See if your pistols be loaded as soon as you are beyond the domain."

The gentleman, while riding on, forthwith did so, and to his astonishment found that the charges had been withdrawn. He at once reloaded the weapons, placing a bullet in each. By nighttime he reached Wortham heath, and on coming upon it he was stopped by a masked and mounted highwayman, who rode up to him fearlessly and leveled a pistol at his head, intimating that he must have his money.

The gentleman fired instantly in self defense, and his assailant fell dead. To gallop to the nearest habitation and give the alarm was the work of a few minutes on the part of the traveler.

He returned within an hour with men and lights to the spot, when, on taking the mask from the bleeding corpse of the highwayman, he, to his horror, discovered him to be no other than the son of the baronet whose hospitality he had so recently been enjoying. This son had, of course, been one of his friendly and social companions during his stay.

An inquest was held, when it was found out that it was indeed the baronet's son—a gambler ruined by play—who had been in the habit of waylaying wealthy guests as they departed from his father's house.—Strand Magazine.

Every Man His Own Life Preserver.

Considerable interest has been aroused by the announcement of an extraordinary method devised by a French doctor whereby every one may become, as he will, his own life preserver in case of an accident at sea. The inventor does away with all artificial belts and other floating appliances. He proposes, in a word, to inflate the cellular texture beneath the human skin on the breast, which, if filled with air, forms a natural pneumatic belt, by the aid of which one cannot only float oneself, but even support another body. Although sounding impracticable, this is far from being so. It has proved that a man weighing about 160 pounds needs only about 200 cubic inches of air within his body in order to float with his head above water. This amount of air is easily inserted into the hollow space beneath the skin by means of an aseptic syringe. Even simpler is the use of a hollow needle and a thin rubber hose 18 inches long, into which this needle is inserted. A little aseptic cotton placed in the open end of the rubber hose is all that is required. The skin is simply raised, the hollow needle introduced into it and then the other end of the rubber tube is taken into the mouth and the man's own breath blown into it. Two deep respirations which are blown into each side of the breast would prove amply sufficient to float a man however heavy.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Why England Is Great.

How was it that half an island over which Queen Elizabeth ruled developed into the worldwide empire over which Queen Victoria reigns? First and foremost, it must be referred to the qualities of the race, their energy and adventurous spirit, their capacity to colonize, to rule subject races and to administer their affairs. That race was sprung of successive seafaring invaders of these islands who were trained for generations in the arduous defense of these shores and taught to achieve naval superiority as a necessity of their position.

As early as Edward III the sovereignty of the narrow seas was asserted and conceded as a matter of course by the people of the low countries. As cenutries rolled on the insularity of our position became more marked as our possessions in Europe dwindled away. The drill sergeant, who is the artificer of German fortunes, has had no ascendency in these islands, whose preoccupations have not arisen from military empires on their boundaries. Naval superiority has been the guarantee of our shores, and at the same time the foundation of an empire which has grown up beyond the seas. The same qualities which achieved ordered liberty at home spread commerce, settlements and empire abroad.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Gladness Comes

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